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SUBJ: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO
MARSHAL LON NOL.

1. THE CONSENSUS OF MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO MARSHAL LON NOL ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 4.

2. SINCE IT IS NOT YET CLEAR TO US WHETHER THERE WILL BE A FORMAL INAUGURATION CEREMONY, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MESSAGE NOT REFER TO A SPECIFIC CEREMONY OR OCCASION BUT CONTAIN SOME SUCH INTRODUCTORY PHRASE AS "ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC".

3. SINCE THE TIME OF THE SWEARING-IN IS STILL UNCERTAIN, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE BE PROVIDED THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE APPROVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE FOR DELIVERY AT A TIME WHICH WE WOULD FIX LOCALLY.
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